

The Newspaperboys Hall of Fame

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Dear General Walters

Please be kind enough to excuse me for this note about
my hobby.

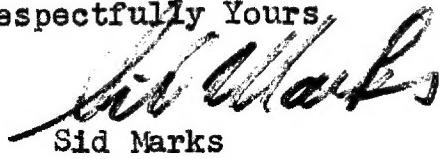
I sell America through the newspaperboys, and collect stories and pictures
of men in the American spotlight in all fields of endeavor, that were news-
paperboys as young lads.

I know Sir, that only in this great U.S.A. can a newspaperboy rise to the
highest office in the Land.

Were you a newspaperboy as a lad Sir. If you were, would you honor me with
your autographed picture for my Hall Of Fame.

Enclosed a bit about me and my hobby. I trust this will find you and yours
in the very best of health.

Respectfully Yours


Sid Marks

"These newspaperboys who travel the streets are not the delinquent boys of America, indeed they are the leaders of tomorrow, working to improve themselves and in turn, their nation."

Although FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover made this statement recently, one would feel certain, after talking to Sid Marks for a while, that it was he who had inspired Hoover's words.

Marks, a short, stocky fellow in his fifties, who once was the light-heavyweight boxing champion of Canada, has been traveling the United States, at his own expense, from coast to coast, border to border, drumming up interest in what he calls a newspaperboys' "Hall of Fame."

"We have halls of fame for baseball players, football stars and other fields of endeavor, why not for newspaperboys?" Sid asks. "After all, even though these other fellows contribute in some way to the American way of life, perhaps none of them add to our way in the manner that the average newspaperboy does."

Sid, in the three years since he started his campaign in January of 1948, has talked to the President, governors, senators, congressmen, athletes, bankers and men in all walks of life.

SHOWS BIG BOOK

Sid exhibits an enormous scrapbook (one of several he has), with the autographed pictures of such men as Harry Truman, Earl Warren, Dwight Eisenhower, Thomas Dewey, J. Edgar Hoover, Herbert Hoover, Omar Bradley, Cardinal Spellman, Rabbi Magnin, Joe DiMaggio and countless others.

"And they were all newspaperboys in their youth," Sid says.

With each picture is a warm personal letter urging Sid to keep up his work to glorify the American newspaperboy.

"I've even got a letter from Truman," he says, "but this one isn't worth much," he adds with a chuckle. "It was one of Harry's 'nice' letters."

Sid has been interested in newspaperboys since he was one himself in his hometown of London.

"One thing that happened when I was a newspaperboy has lingered with me all these years," he adds, as his eyes become a little moist. "It was on my 10th birthday, and I had been walking the streets of London all night. In those days, you see, you couldn't go home until you had sold all your papers."

RECALLS CAKE

"Finally, about 3 o'clock in the morning, I sold my last paper, and started home. When I got home, my mother, who had waited up all night for me, sat there with a birthday cake, and 10 gleaming candles. I've never forgotten that and I suppose that's why I have a soft spot in my heart for newspaperboys, their moms and pops."

Their own Hall of Fame

by Sid Marks

At last — your newspaperboy can look forward to being honored alongside some great Americans

If he delivers your afternoon newspaper, you often see him. If it's a morning newspaper that the little guy brings to you, he probably puts it at your door and is on his way before you are up.

Anyway, you may not really know him. You probably take him for granted, although yesterday was his day—National Newspaperboy Day—ushering in National Newspaper Week. You perhaps don't realize, either, that one day your newspaperboy may be in a Hall of Fame all his own.

There is, indeed, such a Hall of Fame. It's for successful men who got their start as newspaperboys, and in it are great business leaders, governors, senators, champion athletes, and hundreds of others who in one field or another have made their mark. Your newspaperboy now has as his distant goal a membership in that distinguished group.

I know about newspaperboys. I used to be one in London, long before I became an American citizen. That's why I've compiled this honor list of Americans. That's why I've written a book about them—*The Newspaperboys' Hall of Fame* (House-Warren, Publishers, Hollywood).

Once I heard a young Englishman say, "Why, no boy of gentle blood would handle newspapers."

And I heard a young American say, "What's gentle blood?"

We don't talk about blood being gentle over here. We do talk about what it takes for a newspaperboy to rise to the Presidency—for President Eisenhower and former Presidents Hoover and Truman once were newspaperboys.

We can't all be Presidents, but some of the qualities that make up a President are learned by newspaperboys day in and out along their routes. They learn to be efficient, ingenious, helpful, resourceful, and they sometimes learn courage.

Young Joe Palmer, of Mesa, Arizona, is an example. He was calling on subscribers, making collections, one day when he crossed a bridge over an irrigation ditch. Beneath him he saw a little boy struggling, face down, in the water. Joe plunged in and rescued the child.

When the child's mother and grandparents offered him a reward, he said, "I only did my duty."

I'll grant you that this kind of fast thinking isn't newspaper delivery. It's outside the line of duty. It's only one of the good qualities that newspaperboys have, or learn. Newspaperboys do more than deliver newspapers. They are in business for themselves. They are independent, have responsibility, and keep the profits of their hard and faithful work. They learn sportsmanship and fair play, a foundation for a lifetime.

In choosing the newspaperboys as a symbol of American democracy, opportunity and freedom, I feel that I am not giving undue stress to their activities and success. The story of America is packed with the deeds of great and wise men, in every form of endeavor, who were not newspaperboys. Yet the fact that a boy who delivered or sold newspapers can rise to the highest position in the land, is to me one of the miracles of



TOP BRASS IN "HALL OF FAME" — On just two pages from Sid Marks' Hall of Fame are seen Gen. John R. Hodge, Chief of U.S. Field Forces; Gen. J. E. Hull, Commander in Chief of U.S. Army's Far East Command and United Nations Command; Gen. Edwin William Rawlings, U.S. Air Force

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, U.S. Air Force Chief Rear Admiral John R. Redman, Vice-Admiral C. Denebrink, Vice-Admiral R. F. Good, U.S.N Vice Admiral C. W. Fox. All got their start in life as newsboys and are proud of it.

Newspaperboys do more than deliver newspapers. They are in business for themselves. They have responsibility and learn sportsmanship and fair play—a foundation for a lifetime.

The NEWSPAPERBOYS
HALL of FAME

By SID MARKS



New postage stamp will pay tribute to newsboys

The dreams of one man and the labor of millions of American newsboys will be honored this year by the people of the United States.

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson today announced in Washington that the government soon will issue a stamp commemorating the newsboys of America.

To Sid Marks, Los Angeles sportsman, this news was a dream come true. For years Marks, former lightweight boxing champion of Canada, has been waging a one-man campaign for recognition of newsboys.

It was Marks' idea that such a stamp be issued. He kept after Los Angeles Congressman Samuel Yorty to use his good offices in Washington to see the thing through.

Marks, a Navy hero in his native England in World War I and a sergeant in the U. S. Army in World War II, has for the last 10 years been spending his time and money in selling America to Americans.

He began his business life selling newspapers on London streets,

and makes this observation: "In Europe if you're a newsboy, your chances of being anything else are mighty slim."

"In the United States a newsboy can be president—and several of them have occupied the White House.

For Marks, a naturalized citizen, the newsboy is the protector of one of our greatest freedoms—freedom of the press.

"And just think," he says, "the little fellows go through all kinds of weather—rain, snow, sleet—to deliver an independent press to our very door."

The culmination of Marks' years of labor in bringing recognition to the American newsboy will come soon with the publication of his book, "Newspaperboy's Hall of Fame."

The book will contain stories and pictures of famous men who were themselves once newsboys.

All of Marks' royalties from the book, to be published by House-Warren of Los Angeles, will go to a scholarship fund for worthy newspaper boys.

Newsboys' "Hall of Fame" Author Tells Why He Champions Carriers' Cause

The American newsboy's best friend and most ardent champion, Sidney Marks, author of the book, "Newspaperboys Hall of Fame" which came off the press in January of this year,

be anything they choose to be—even president or a four star general.

"Newsboys learn to be efficient, ingenuous, helpful and resourceful," argues Marks. "They do more than deliver papers, they are in business for themselves. They are independent and they have responsibilities and keep the profits of their hard and faithful work. They learn sportsmanship and fair play, a foundation for a lifetime."

What caused Sid Marks, the Canadian lightweight champion to become the newsboys' champion? It happened like this.

After Marks was discharged from the Army in 1946 he decided to do something for his adopted country, and that was to sell America to Americans.

It seemed to him that the newsboys symbolized everything that goes to make America great.

Marks hit upon the idea of starting a newsboys' hall of fame made up of newsboys who had achieved the honor and respect of their fellow Americans.

He started off by interviewing former President Herbert Hoover and obtaining his photograph, signature, and the story of how he helped finance himself through engineering school by selling newspapers. From then on it was easy.

"The bigger they are, the easier it is to get to see them," said Marks. "And all were pleased to tell me that they once had delivered newspapers."

It was Marks' idea that a stamp should be issued to honor the nation's newsboys. He kept after Los Angeles Congressman Samuel Yorty to use his good office in Washington to see the thing through.

Marks says all royalties from his book will go to a scholarship fund for worthy newspaper boys. He also has a television program in the making and everything above a very modest salary from this will also go toward the fund.

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Recalls Ex-Newsboy Entertainers

BY WALTER AMES

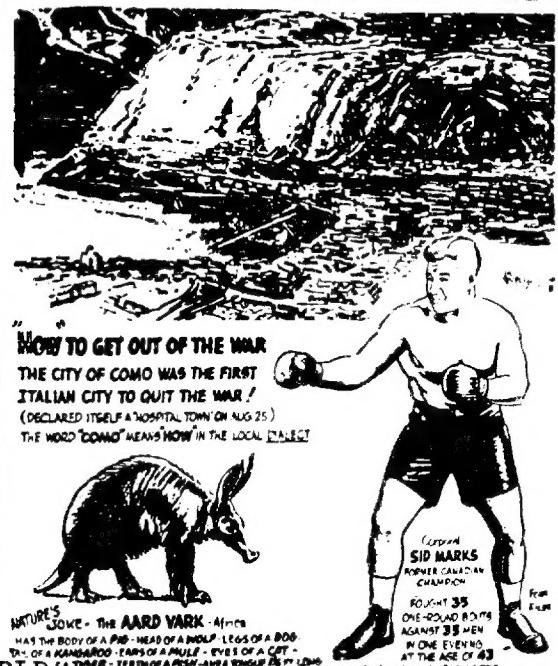
Sid Marks, once one of the world's top lightweight boxers, He's one of the real authorities on newsboys who have become famous sends in a list of entertainers who once hawked papers on street corners on the occasion of today's celebration of National Newspaperboys Week. he lists Lowell Thomas, Ted Malone, Cedric Adams, Gabriel Heatter, Art Linkletter, Jack Bailey, Knox Manning, Edward Arnold, Ralph Edwards, Tony Martin, Morey Amsterdam, Jimmy Durante, Walter O'Keefe, Herb Shriner Joe Venuti, Phil Baker, Danny Thomas, Gordon MacRae, Dennis Day, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Morton Downey, Eddie Cantor, Pat O'Brien, Arthur Godfrey, Frank Sinatra, Charles Correll and Billy Eckstine. To these and the hundreds of other present and ex-newsboys our salute.

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BETTER NOT BY RIPLEY



JACK DEMPSEY-FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD
EX NEWSPAPERBOY WITH SID MARKS SHOWING HALL OF FAME.



JOE LOUIS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD AND SID MARKS, GIVING BOXING INSTRUCTIONS AT FT RILEY 1943

THEN AND NOW . . . Two "shots" of Sgt. Sid Marks, CRTC boxing impresario, who has organized outdoor ring shows for the coming season. Sid when he was a boy of around 15 in the uniform of the British Royal Navy. shows him as he is today, a soldier in the U. S. Army in his 40s. Sid recently was commended by Brig. Gen. Robert W. Strong, Commanding General at CRTC, for his splendid work. Sergeant Marks is a former lightweight boxing champion of Canada.



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"BILL WAS IN A BIRD IN THE EIFFEL TOWER IN PHOENIX, N.C."



Strange AS IT SEEMS

By JOHN HIX

SID MARKS -- WHILE IN THE BRITISH NAVAL SERVICE, BOXED IN 12 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES:

ENGLAND
CANADA
SCOTLAND
GREECE
EGYPT
CUBA
MALTA
TURKEY
RUSSIA
ITALY
GERMANY AND
UNITED STATES.

CHRISTMAS COMES TWICE AT RODANTHE, N.C. WHERE IT IS OBSE TODAY AS WELL AS DEC 25 - TO CONFORM TO OLD CALENDAR

